

Department of Natural Resources Impact in Dodge County

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources aims to excel at working and partnering with the public to protect and manage the state's natural resources while supporting the economy and the well-being of our citizenry.



Did you know?

In 2011, Wisconsin had

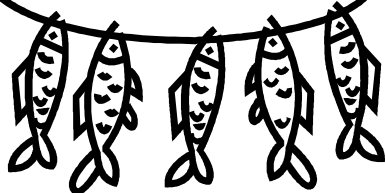
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RESIDENT HUNTERS

In 2011, fishing in Wisconsin had an economic impact of over

\$1.4 billion



In Dodge County, **53,716** licenses were sold in 2013-14.

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Investments in Recreation

Dodge County has over **25,701 acres** of state owned lands open to public hunting and outdoor recreation.

The **Wild Goose State Trail** is a 34 mile trail that allows walking, biking, horseback riding, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

DNR has recently **invested \$3,806,255** in state properties in Dodge County. This includes **\$3,391,300 for the new Horicon Marsh Explorium**, which is partially funded with \$555,000 of local gift funds from the Friends of Horicon Marsh.

DNR offers a variety of safety classes around the state annually. In 2013, a total of **604 citizens** became **hunter, ATV, boating and snowmobile** certified in Dodge County.

In 2014, DNR stocked 2,530 pheasants in Dodge County, which increases hunting opportunities.

Community Partnerships

Dodge County has **212 public water systems** that the DNR oversees to ensure they deliver safe water. Wisconsin has more public water systems than any other state in the nation.

Opening the summer of 2015 is **the new interpretive display** at **DNR's Horicon Marsh Education and Visitor Center**. A variety of interpretive materials around the building and grounds will welcome thousands of visitors. **Thanks in large part to nearly \$1 million in donations from local communities and the Friends of Horicon Marsh**, this project is expected to increase tourism interests by 3-fold, resulting in **approximately 150,000 visitors a year**.

Snapshot of grants in Dodge County

A total of **\$1,471,115** was awarded in Dodge County for **water quality, outdoor recreation, fish and wildlife habitat, public health and safety** and **forestry** activities.

**Numbers reflect the July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014 time period.

Forestry Activities

Since 2005, **over 4,371 cord equivalents of timber products have been harvested from state-owned land** in Dodge County providing over **\$121,436 in revenue** to the state and contributing employment opportunities and raw materials for the local economy.

Since June 2010, **DNR has provided over \$23,381** to private forest owners in the county to assist them in protecting and enhancing their forested lands and waters.

Since 2011, **Dodge County has received \$4,000 in Urban Forestry grants** to support new, innovative projects that will develop sustainable urban and community forestry programs.

Since 2011, DNR has granted **\$37,194 to local Fire Departments** to purchase equipment and supplies that improve their capability and safety on wild land fires.

Seven communities received technical assistance from DNR between 2011 and 2014, which helped them develop or improve their urban forest management programs.

Environmental Cleanup Efforts

DNR is working with county representatives on the Monarch Range Property, which is a former iron foundry site acquired by the county for back taxes. DNR is currently reviewing a report in which the **county proposes remediating the site to the allowable residential standard** for residual PCB contamination.

DNR is overseeing Advanced Disposal's efforts to excavate the Land and Gas Reclamation Superfund Landfill and place the waste into their operating Glacier Ridge Landfill.

The waste program named the **Village of Neosho one of Wisconsin's Recycling Champions by their demonstrating consistently high recycling rates** over the past three years.

Deer Management in Dodge County

In 2014, Dodge County established a County Deer Advisory Council. One council per county, they provide input and recommendations to the DNR on deer management.

In 2013, 4,590 deer were registered in Dodge County with 1,238 harvested during archery deer season and 3,352 harvested during the gun deer season.